

EL PASO COUNTY REPUBLICAN

2017 School Board Candidate Survey

Thank you for running and for caring about our children and their futures.

We are asking for your thoughts and inputs to the following survey questions so that we may share your perspectives with our community on our webpage, www.gopelpaso.com. Your survey will be posted as a pdf file, and you are encouraged to return the survey in a pdf file format with your last name added in the file name. We plan to post it no later than Oct 16, 2017, the day the ballots are in the mail. Once uploaded, we will be sending an email notice to our community of over 5,000 emails to look at the responses. We will also list all candidates who did not respond to the survey by Oct 9, 2017 so voters will be aware we did not intentionally forget your survey response.

Many answers have a word count limit. We suggest paying attention to the word count as readers will only read for so long and then skip through your response, possibly missing something you consider important.

Reminder: **Return by Monday, Oct 9, 2017, emailing it to homeofthefreeandthebrave@yahoo.com**. Surveys received later will not be posted on the www.gopelpaso.com website. Please send us your responses in pdf format and add you last name to the file name. Good Luck!

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Background Information:

Please provide a brief summary of you personally (family, education, occupation).

My name is Jonathan Dooley and I am a parent and volunteer in School District 14 and the local community. I am the local Cub Scout Leader and BSA Venture Leader, parent coach of the Manitou Middle School Golf Team, small business owner in the Ute Pass Area, former Vice President of the Ute Pass Triangle Chamber of Commerce, former board member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Pikes Peaks Rural Transportation

Authority and a 21 year resident of the district. I have two children in the district. I have an MBA in HR and MSM in IT as well as 20 years of business management and finance experience.

Have you or any relatives been students or employees in the school district?

Circle one: Yes

If so, please provide specifics. I have 2 children in the district and my wife was a teacher in the district.

Have you ever served on a volunteer board? Circle one: Yes

If so, what was/were your position(s)? Former VP Ute Pass Triangle Chamber of Commerce, Former Board member of the CAC to the PPRTA. I have held many volunteer board positions and currently sit on five boards in different positions.

Survey Questions:

- 1. Why do you want to serve on the school board, and what do you see as your role as a school board member? I want to insure the educational opportunities and college credit opportunities are available to every student. I want to make this the premier district for teachers to want to work in.**
- 2. What role, if any should other government entities (city/county/state/federal) have in the local school board? Outside of establishing statewide educational standards there should be no control outside of the local school board.**
- 3. What is the most critical issue in the district and how would you address them? Student funding and student retention. We need to offer a more diverse selection of courses and allow students to streamline programs and earn more college credit in high school to compete with the early college programs..**
- 4. What will your relationship be with associations/unions related to school employee? I would work closely with the school teachers unions to address the issues that the teachers have. The teachers are number one asset of a strong district.**
- 5. Have you received any campaign contributions from a school employee association/union? Circle one: No**
- 6. What is your position on school finance/funding? The legislature needs to stop adjusting the funding levels with the negative factor and follow the will of the voters and the intent of Amendment 23.**

- 7. What is your position on public charter schools and their contribution to the district community? Charter schools are a valuable tool for underperforming school districts.**
- 8. What is your position on parental choice for schools? School choice allows parents to make quality decisions on the education of their children and to find schools that best fit their individual student's needs.**
- 9. What is your position on Common Core? The Common core curriculum needs to be eliminated and replaced.**
- 10. What endorsements have you received? I have not solicited any groups for any endorsements or funding.**

Reference Links:

Parental choice. <http://parentschallenge.org/>

School choice. <https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/what-is-school-choice/>

Common Core. <https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/factsheetsandfaq>

School Finance. <https://www.casb.org/Page/433>